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Broadnox, Poplar Neck
Near Rock Hall
Mid 18th Century

The unsavory character of the 17th century Thomas Broadnox has been thoroughly exhausted in other histories. Suffice it to say that the man was a scoundrel. In 1659 the land on which Poplar Neck was built was patented to Broadnox who lived on Kent Island at the time.

In the 18th Century 640 acres of this tract came into the possession of the Dunn family, early members of St. Paul's Church. When the house was actually built has not been thoroughly researched.

By the time of the 1852 Tax Assessment, the farm was in the possession of James E. Barroll, one of Chestertown's prominent lawyers, who resided at the Hynson-Ringgold House. Like his father before him, Barroll probably enjoyed life on the farm as much as life in town. By 1860, Poplar Neck, as it had become known, was owned by C. M. and E. Deputy and by 1877 it was in the occupation of R. H. Rouse.

In 1940, the farm was purchased by Glen L. Martin who employed the architectural firm of Clyde and Nelson Friz of Baltimore to draw up the plans for renovating the building.¹ Whatever remained of the old house was destroyed, except the floors in two rooms. The lovely paneling and other details all date from the 1940-41 renovation.

The original house had a very typical form, but the scale and fenestration was unique. Five bays distinguished the Flemish bond with

glazed header facade. The five bays, however, were not evenly placed and there were two doors and three windows. The center window was one pane narrower than the outer two. Two dormers in the steep A roof were placed symmetrically on both the front and the back. There was no door on the first story of the back facade.

A slight difference in size and color of the brick between the main section and the four bay kitchen wing suggests that the latter was built after the initial building. The wing was constructed several feet narrower than the main section, however, the roof was made as wide (similar to the treatment of the kitchen wing at Hinchingham).

In form and plan, as well as in regard to some other details, Broadnox is similar to Clarke's Conveniency on Quaker Neck. The house is currently used as a guest house for Remington Farms.

1. Johnson, Robert, J. Gravesend, Serene But Still Profound. Rock Hall American Revolutionary Bicentennial Committee 1975.

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Rock Hall
Private

1704-1708

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Broadnox

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rico's Branch Langford Road

JUL 21/94

CITY, TOWN

Rock Hall

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Sandy Bottom

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Remington Arms Co., Inc.

Telephone #:(301) 778-1565

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: W46-45

Folio #: 439

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED |

CHECK ONE

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED |

CHECK ONE

- | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The main facade, facing east and looking over a good stand of old trees, is five bays long plus a four bay long wing, both one and one-half storys in height. The five bays are placed unusually, in so far as there are two entrance doors placed between three windows. The doors have transoms and the outside windows have 12/8 sash and the center window has 9/6 sash. The brick is laid in Flemish bond on the entire facade, the main portion having glazed headers, and stepped water table. The door on the wing is located on the second bay from the north (or main section). All windows of the wing have 6/6 sash and all shutters are paneled and have a half-moon pierced in the upper panel. Each side of the "A" roof have six dormers, three on each section. A large brick chimney pierced the apex of the roof at both gables and where the two sections join. The "A" roof of the wing has an overhang of about four feet on the west side. It (the west facade) is four bays long while the main section has only three bays, having 6/6 sash and 9/6 sash respectively. This side of the dwelling is laid in common bond while the north gable is laid in English bond and is pierced by three casement windows, two being on the second story, the third on the first story adjacent to the basement entrance.

When Glenn L. Martin bought the building in 1940, he set about restoring it. The four rooms, are from south to north, kitchen, dining room, hall and parlor. The latter three have very good paneling which dates from the restoration. Only two rooms on the second floor have original floors.

The building is used as a guest house for Remington Arms Company which maintains a game preserve on the property.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Robert Dunn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Broadnox is significant because it is a very early Kent County structure which is associated with early local history. Architecturally it has bricks which are good representatives of the building practices of the 18th century. Unfortunately most of the wooden detailing of both interior and exterior has been lost.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H.C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland,
privately published, 1934, p. 222.

Rock Hall Historical Collection, Privately published, 1957, p. 14.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant, Michael Bourne, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

Aug, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown


STATE

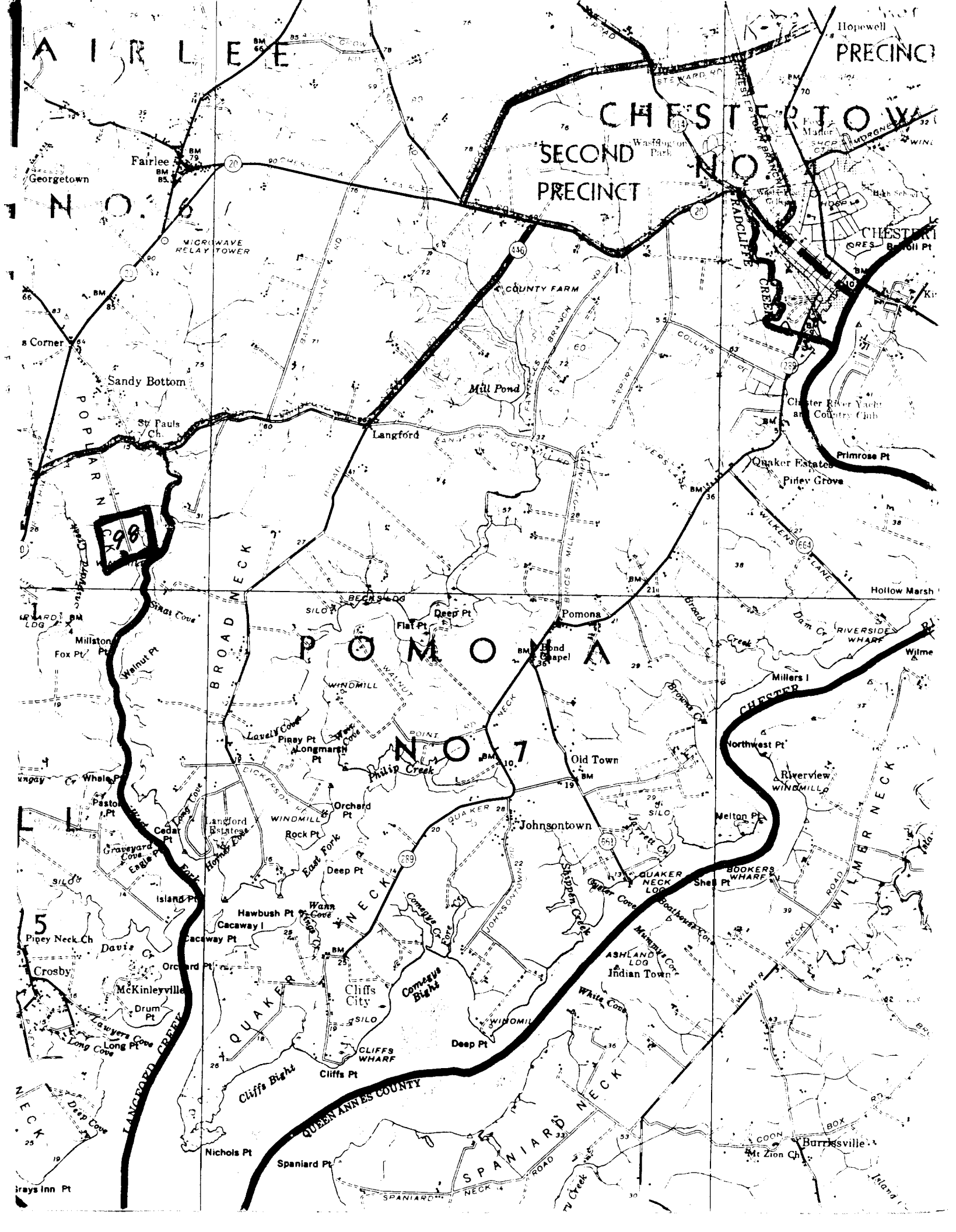
Maryland 21620

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Rock Hall</u> VICINITY <u>Sandy Bottom</u> STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-98</u>	
ORIGINAL OWNER <u>Robert Dunn</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Remington Arms Co., Inc.</u> PRESENT USE <u>guest house</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>1½</u>		2. NAME <u>BROADNOX</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1708</u> STYLE <u>colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER <u>Robert Dunn</u>	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered <u>no</u> Interior <u>good</u> Exterior <u>good</u> the basement entrance.	
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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <u>Forman, H.C. Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, privately published, 1934, p 222.</u> <u>Rock Hall Historical Collection, privately published 1957, p 14.</u>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>October, 1968</u>	





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MHT- K-98

RICAUDS BR- LANGFORD RD.

ROCK HALL, MD

FRONT FROM EAST

C. ENGSTROM AUG. 1977



BROADNOX

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RICAUDS BR. - LANGFORD RD.

ROCK HALL, MD.

END FROM SOUTHWEST

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